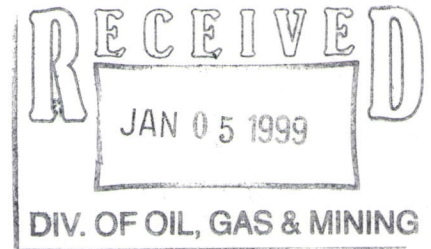


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January 5, 1999

Mr. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program
Division of Oil Gas and Mining
Department of Natural Resources
1594 West North Temple, Suite 210
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801



Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Ms. Joelle Burns informed me that the DOGM received some comments regarding our tentative mining permit for the Ekins East site. I want to make you aware of the past hearings with the City of Genola and Utah county regarding the Ekins East pit.

Genola is the nearest town to the operation. I am faxing a recent letter addressed to me from the mayor of Genola. The City of Genola voted to support our conditional use permit application with Utah county. The county voted in 1996 to allow an aggregate plant to operate and voted in December 1998 to allow an asphalt plant to operate. The Ekins East pit is not visible from the city or Highway 6 and it is buffered by hills that will greatly minimize impact on the neighborhood. Despite this fact, there are a few individuals that are inherently opposed to the location of gravel pits anywhere close to their town. They have raised their concerns during public hearings at the City of Genola and at the Utah County Board of adjustments. The public officials decided in our favor based on the lack of substantive comments and because we have been very willing to work with local citizens and address their concerns as the attached letter reveals.

I am aware that your decision to hold a hearing will be based on whether the comments received are substantive with respect to the DOGM regulations. I can assure you that even after we have all the necessary permits in hand, we will continue to address genuine concerns of our neighbors, regardless of whether they are covered by State or local rules and regulations. Please call me at 485-2270 if you have further questions.

Arjun Ram, P.E.

Civil Engineer

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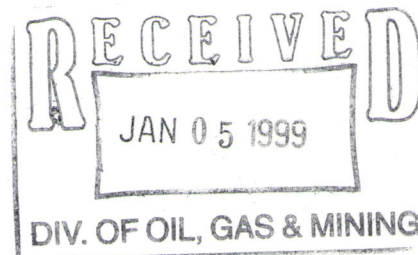
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Net, 800-800-8000



December 28, 1998

Arjun Ram
c/o Valley Asphalt
P.O. Box 220
Spanish Fork, Utah 84660

Subject: Western Aggregate Holding Company's Foresight.

I want to take a moment to express my personal thanks and gratitude to you and your team at Western Aggregates. It is encouraging to work with a company that takes such a public friendly approach to doing business.

It is very commendable to see a company such as yours willing to involve communities in the process of planning. As a government official I appreciate your eagerness to work with our town and listen to our needs. It was wonderful to see both of our needs and desires merge together to a mutually beneficial result.

It is my sincere desire that as your company's needs change over time that you will feel inclined to allow the community to work hand in hand with industry to resolve some of the most difficult problems we both face.

Thank you for your thoughtful interaction with our community.

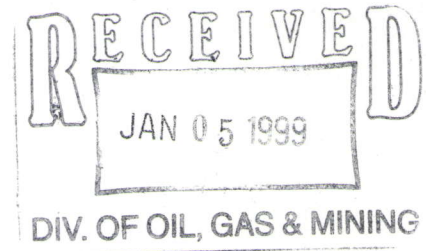
Sincerely,

W. Neil Brown
Mayor

74 West 800 South Genola, UT 84655
801-754-5300

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December 1, 1998

Utah County Board of Adjustments
100 East Center
Provo, UT 84606

Subject: Support for Valley Asphalt Petition.

On November 24, 1998 the Town Council of Genola voted to support Valley Asphalt in their petition to the Board of Adjustments for approval of both an asphalt plant and concrete plant. I am hereby advising the Board of Adjustments of our decision.

The proposed uses will impact the Town of Genola. We have negotiated with Valley Asphalt various restrictions that will be presented at the meeting. We feel confident that these restrictions will mitigate a majority of the concerns with regard to the proposal.

We acknowledge the challenge that traffic will cause in Santaquin. However, please note that the crusher has been approved at the site in question and the increase in traffic in Santaquin will also allow for a reduction in traffic in Spanish Fork and other areas of the County by reducing the requirement to back haul products. Additionally, the road in question is a Utah State highway and was built to handle heavy traffic loads.

A review of the M&G-1 Mining and Grazing Zone reveals that the uses proposed by Valley Asphalt are allowed via a conditional use permit. Due to the conforming nature of the proposed use, it does not appear logical to deny Valley Asphalt's request. Furthermore, the location is ideal for such a use. It is very rural in nature, the nearest homes are a substantial distance from the site and a large hill is located between the site and any residencies. To be more precise, the asphalt plant and gravel pit cannot be seen from the Town of Genola or from the state highway. Clearly the majority of the impact

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would be on the site property as it is large enough to provide a natural buffer zone for the impact.

It appears obvious that asphalt and concrete production plants must be allowed to exist if we desire to build homes, buildings and roads; our entire lifestyle revolves around the availability of these products. Due to the apparent need of these products, the most logical place to locate these operations would be in a relatively secluded valley located just off a major state highway where the zoning is already in place to allow such activities.

Again, I wish to reiterate; the Town Council of Genola has voted to support Valley Asphalt and feels that the County Board of Adjustments should approve their petition for an asphalt plant and a concrete plant.

I will be present in the meeting, please feel free to address me at your pleasure.

Sincerely,


W. Neil Brown
Mayor